

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this patent application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 24 and 28 have been rejected as being indefinite under 35 USDC 112; Claims 23 and 27 have been rejected as being anticipated by Opolo under 35 USC 102; and Claims 20,25,26, and 29-33 have been objected to as containing allowable subject matter but being dependent from rejected parent claims. Claims 23 and 27 have been cancelled, Claims 34 and 35 inserted, and consequently, Claims 20,24-26, and 28-35 are now active in this patent application.

With respect to the objections to the drawings, **FIGURE 2** is **NOT PRIOR ART**, but to the contrary, represents the type of temporary raised pavement marker with which the apparatus disclosed, for example, within **FIGURES 3-7** and **12**

is concerned. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the legend for **FIGURE 2** is proper as originally designated.

In addition, the reference numbers not having lead lines associated therewith, such as, for example, 220 in **FIGURE 3** is noted as being underlined because the underlined reference number indeed already signifies the element or component upon which the reference number is disposed. In the noted case, for example, the reference number 220 is designating the floor or road surface. This is an acceptable manner in which to designate such components, and therefore, it is also respectfully submitted that further amendments to the drawings are not necessary.

With respect to the specification, the typographical error originally appearing upon Page 27 has been corrected by means of a replacement paragraph.


With respect to the claims, and the rejection of Claims 24 and 28 as not being based upon the specification, Claims 24 and 28 have in fact been appropriately amended so as to render the same clear, definite, and supported by the disclosure. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the claims should therefore be withdrawn.

Lastly, in connection with the rejection of Claims 23 and 27 as being anticipated by Opolo under 35 USC 102, new Claims 34 and 35 are respectfully submitted to patentably define over such reference in that the hitch connector comprises a longitudinally extending linear member having first hinge means disposed at a first end portion of the longitudinally extending linear member for hingedly connecting the hitch connector to the tow bar means of the towed vehicle, and second hinge means disposed at a second end portion of the longitudinally extending linear member for hingedly connecting the hitch connector to the mounting bar of the towing vehicle. The system of Opolo does not disclose a longitudinally extending linear member having the first and second hinge means disposed upon the opposite ends thereof, but to the contrary, comprises a substantially T-shaped structure

comprising draw bar 13 and transversely oriented axle 12. The first hinge means 14 is connected to one end of the draw bar 13, however, the second hinge means 25 are mounted upon the axle 12. It is therefore submitted that such reference does not meet the claimed recitations of newly inserted Claims 34 and 35, and it would not be obvious to modify the structure of Opolo as such modifications would adversely affect the system and teachings of Opolo. It is therefore submitted that new Claims 34 and 35 patentably define over Opolo and that all claims of this patent application are in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application is now in condition for allowance, and therefore, an early and favorable action to this effect is now anticipated and awaited.

Respectfully Submitted,
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